

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBERT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-234 JLR
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Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
v.)	UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
)	SCHEDULE GUILTY PLEA
ELDER ALDABERTO CACERES-COELLO,)	HEARING VIA
)	VIDEOCONFERENCE
Defendant.)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

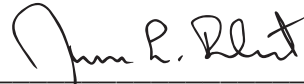
(b) Mr. Caceres-Coello would like to take responsibility in this matter and resolve it in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Caceres-Coello wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr. Caceres-Coello understands that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely in-person resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

1 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
2 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
3 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea
5 hearing via videoconference at the earliest practicable date.

6 DONE this 8th day of December, 2020.

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9 JAMES L. ROBART
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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11 Presented by:

12 /s/ Vanessa Pai-Thompson
13 Assistant Federal Public Defender
14 Attorney for Elder Caceres-Coello